

REMARKS

The claims are 16-21, with claim 16 being independent. These claims correspond exactly to the claims allowed in Applicants' Japanese priority application, except that the multiple dependencies present in some of the allowed Japanese claims have been eliminated from the above claims.

An early and favorable action on the merits is requested.

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